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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER KIM VISIT: MEETING WITH  
UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

1. FONMIN KIM HAD A 30 MINUTE MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO ON MARCH 27. AMBASSADOR HAHM, ROKUN AMBASSADOR PARK AND AMBASSADOR SNEIDER WERE ALSO PRESENT. MAIN SUBJECTS WERE KOREAN QUESTION AT UN,MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, AND US MIDDLE EAST POLICY REVIEW.

2. KOREAN QUESTION AT UN: KIM BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED HIS EARLIER CONVERSATIONS IN DEPARTMENT ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UN. KIM STRESSED THAT WE SHOULD SUBMIT PROPOSED LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL "THE SOONER THE BETTER". ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT WE SHOULD HAVE EARLY CONSULTATION WITH BRITISH, FRENCH AND OTHERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR PARTICIPATION IN UNC IN EVENT OF ANY UNC RESTRUCTURING OR LOWERING OF ITS PROFILE. SISCO AGREED WITH HIM THAT WE FACE TOUGH BATTLE IN NEW YORK IN UNGA THIS YEAR BUT USG WILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER WITH ROKG IN PREPARING FOR SESSION.

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3. MIDDLE EAST SITUATION: KIM REQUESTED SISCO'S ASSESSMENT OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. SISCO INDICATED THAT

OBTAINING THERE HAS BEEN A SETBACK TO OUR PEACE EFFORTS IN THE AREA. AT THE SAME TIME EGYPT HAS MADE CLEAR IT DOES NOT WANT THIS SETBACK TO AFFECT RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. SISCO POINTED OUT THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT, NOT ONLY TO U.S. OBVIOUSLY, BUT ALSO TO ROK IN ITS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN TIES WITH MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES.

4. SISCO INDICATED THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL SHOULD NEVER HAVE FAILED. BOTH SIDES WANTED AN AGREEMENT BUT OBVIOUSLY FELT THAT THEY WENT AS FAR AS THEY POLITICALLY COULD. WE ARE NOT PUBLICLY ASSESSING THE BLAME ON EITHER SIDE. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WILL BE NO AMERICAN DISENGAGEMENT IN THE AREA AND OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE PEACE WILL CONTINUE.

5. KIM ASKED SISCO ABOUT STATUS CURRENT USG REVIEW OF ITS MIDDLE EAST POLICY. SISCO SAID THERE WERE TWO ASPECTS. OUR PRINCIPAL FOCUS IS TO ANALYZE THE NEW SITUATION AND TO DETERMINE WHAT STEPS THE US CAN TAKE TO ASSURE THAT THERE IS NO DIPLOMATIC VOID. THE SECOND ASPECT IS TO REVIEW THE OVERALL STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES IN THE AREA.. SISCO SAID THE U.S. ROLE STILL REMAINS CRUCIAL AND THE ARABS REALIZE THE U.S. IS ESSENTIAL IN ACHIEVING CONSTRUCTIVE PEACEFUL RESULTS.

6. KIM SHOWED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT SAUDI ARABIAN SITUATION IN AFTERMATH OF KING FAISAL'S DEATH. SISCO NOTED THAT FAISAL'S DEATH WAS A GREAT LOSS FOR THE U.S. HOWEVER, TRANSITION HAS BEEN SMOOTH AND PRINCE FAHD IS AS PRO-AMERICAN AS FAISAL. HE HAS EXPERIENCE, UNDERSTANDS NEED FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., AND WE HOPE FOR EXCELLENT CONTINUITY.

7. ENERGY SITUATION: SISCO NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING PROGRESS LOOKING TOWARDS A PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE. THE PRINCIPAL CONSUMERS HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN COMING TO A COMMON POSITION. CONSEQUENTLY,  
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WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE CONSUMERS WILL BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE FROM A REASONABLE POSITION OF STRENGTH. SISCO POINTED OUT THAT SUCCESS OF THESE EFFORTS EVENTUALLY COULD HELP EASE ROKG ENERGY SITUATION. KISSINGER

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